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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

	CPI-U				CPI-W			
	Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 2003 from		Seasonally adjusted percent change from	Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 2003 from		Seasonally adjusted percent change from
	Jan. 2003	Jan. 2002	Dec. 2002	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. 2003	Jan. 2002	Dec. 2002	Dec. to Jan.
Expenditure category								
All items	181.7	2.4	0.4	0.3	177.7	2.4	0.4	0.3
All items (1967=100)	944.2	-	-	-	929.2	-	-	-
Food and beverages	178.1	1.1	.2	-.2	177.4	1.0	.2	-.1
Food	177.5	1.0	.1	-.2	176.8	.9	.2	-.2
Food at home	176.7	.9	.9	-.2	175.7	.2	.3	-.2
Cereals and bakery products	188.8	1.4	1.3	0.0	186.9	1.6	1.4	1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	181.4	-.3	-.5	-.3	182.5	-.3	-.5	-.4
Dairy and related products [1]	164.4	-2.1	-.5	-.5	164.3	-2.0	-.5	-.5
Fruits and vegetables	227.1	1.0	1.0	-2.2	225.7	1.1	1.3	-.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	140.6	.8	.4	-.5	139.9	.0	.4	-.4
Other food at home	141.8	.1	.4	.0	141.3	.2	.4	-.1
Sugar and sweets	140.7	1.5	1.0	-.4	140.4	1.2	.9	-.4
Fats and oils	150.8	-1.4	2.0	0.0	150.7	-1.5	1.8	.4
Other foods	178.2	.5	.0	-.1	178.5	.3	.0	-.2
Other miscellaneous foods [1 2]	109.7	.7	-.5	-.5	110.1	.7	-.5	-.5
Food away from home [1]	179.9	2.0	-.1	-.1	179.8	1.9	-.1	-.1
Other food away from home [2]	119.9	3.8	.1	.3	120.2	3.9	.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages	185.8	2.2	.5	.3	185.5	2.3	.4	.3
Housing	182.3	2.4	.7	.4	177.9	2.4	.6	.4
Shelter	210.9	3.1	.7	.3	204.9	3.1	.5	.2
Rent of primary residence [3]	260.3	3.2	.4	.4	252.4	3.2	.3	.3
Lodging away from home [2 3]	116.3	1.1	4.7	.1	114.3	1.0	4.3	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence [3 4]	216.5	3.3	.3	.3	198.5	3.2	.3	.3
Tenants' and household insurance [1 2]	113.9	7.0	1.0	1.4	113.7	6.9	1.2	1.2
Fuels and utilities	186.1	3.3	1.3	1.4	185.3	3.1	1.1	1.5
Fuels	129.5	3.4	1.4	1.6	128.3	3.1	1.5	1.7
Fuel oil and other fuels	134.4	31.0	8.8	7.1	135.8	28.2	8.4	6.2
Gas (piped) and electricity [3]	130.4	2.4	1.1	1.5	134.7	2.5	1.1	1.5
Household furnishings and operations	127.4	-1.0	.3	.2	125.2	-1.4	.2	.1
Apparel	118.1	-1.9	-2.8	-.9	117.3	-1.9	-3.0	-1.0
Men's and boys' apparel	116.1	-3.9	-2.7	-1.3	115.7	-4.4	-2.6	-1.3
Women's and girls' apparel	107.6	-1.9	-4.9	-1.2	106.7	-1.7	-5.0	-1.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	101.1	3.1	3.4	-3.0	102.6	3.4	3.6	-3.3
Footwear	124.7	2.2	.8	.7	119.5	1.5	-1.1	.4
Transportation	155.5	4.6	.8	1.1	154.4	4.8	1.0	1.2
Private transportation	152.8	5.1	.9	1.2	152.0	5.1	1.1	1.4
New and used motor vehicles [2]	98.2	-2.8	.5	.5	98.2	-3.1	-.3	.3
New vehicles	139.7	-2.1	.4	.9	140.9	-2.0	.4	.7
Used cars and trucks	148.3	-4.1	.1	.2	148.3	-4.7	.1	.2
Motor fuel	128.7	29.0	9.5	6.6	126.7	28.0	9.4	6.7
Gasoline (all types)	125.7	29.3	9.5	6.6	124.1	28.2	9.4	6.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment [1]	107.8	1.5	.7	.7	107.1	1.7	.8	.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	190.7	3.9	.2	.1	189.6	3.6	.2	.2
Public transportation	242.2	-1.7	.4	.4	240.5	-1.2	.4	.5
Medical care	352.6	4.8	.4	.1	351.8	4.8	.4	.1
Medical care commodities	260.5	3.9	.3	.2	254.8	2.9	.5	.2
Medical care services	366.8	5.1	.5	.1	368.9	5.3	.5	.1
Professional services [3]	257.8	2.5	.3	.0	260.0	2.8	.3	-.1
Hospital and related services [3]	385.7	6.2	.5	.4	382.2	6.8	.8	.4
Recreation [2]	106.5	1.1	.4	.2	105.1	.9	.4	.1
Video and audio [2]	103.4	1.3	.2	.4	102.7	1.3	.3	.3
Education and communication [2]	109.7	3.3	.5	.5	109.2	3.0	.4	.4
Education [2]	130.4	4.5	.5	.4	130.3	4.2	.5	.5
Educational books and supplies	329.5	8.7	1.9	1.0	328.4	8.3	1.8	.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	375.5	4.1	.4	.4	367.2	4.1	.3	.5
Communication [1 2]	82.0	-1.5	.2	.2	83.5	-1.3	.3	.3
Information and information processing [1 2]	86.3	-2.1	.3	.3	86.3	-1.8	.3	.3
Telephone services [1 2]	180.4	.1	.5	.5	180.7	.3	.4	.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services [1 2]	17.1	-11.9	-.6	-.6	17.7	-11.9	-.6	-.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment [1 2]	15.5	-20.7	-1.0	-1.0	16.1	-20.4	-1.0	-1.0
Other goods and services	396.5	4.2	.3	.2	395.4	3.9	.3	.3
Tobacco and smoking products [1]	672.4	8.1	.0	.0	674.3	8.4	.0	.0
Personal care [1]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-	-	[illegible]	[illegible]	-	-
Personal care products [1]	153.0	-1.4	-.3	-.3	152.6	-1.3	-.3	-.3
Personal care services [1]	190.6	2.1	.4	.4	191.1	2.1	.3	.3
Miscellaneous personal services	278.1	2.8	.4	.2	277.9	2.8	.4	.1
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	192.0	1.5	.2	.1	190.7	1.4	.3	.5
Food and beverages	178.1	1.1	.2	.2	177.4	1.0	.2	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages	133.9	1.7	.2	.7	135.3	2.0	.2	.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	148.1	5.9	.4	.9	148.3	6.4	.7	.9
Apparel	118.1	-1.9	-2.8	-.9	117.3	-1.9	-3.0	-1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	167.4	9.7	0.1	1.4	171.6	10.9	0.1	1.8
Durables	119.4	-7.0	-.2	-.2	120.1	-5.2	-.2	-.2
Services	213.1	2.5	.6	.3	209.6	2.4	.5	.3
Rent of shelter [4]	219.5	3.1	.6	.3	197.3	3.1	.5	.3
Transportation services	212.3	3.5	.1	.1	212.1	4.3	.2	.2
Other services	352.4	3.5	.5	.4	348.2	3.3	.4	.4
Special indexes								
All items less food	182.4	2.8	.4	.4	177.7	2.8	.4	.5
All items less shelter	170.3	2.3	.3	.3	168.7	2.4	.4	.5
All items less medical care	179.9	2.4	.5	.3	172.7	2.5	.5	.4
Commodities less food	135.8	1.7	.1	.7	137.1	1.9	.2	.7
Nondurables less food	148.4	5.6	.5	.8	150.1	6.4	.6	.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	168.2	8.9	1.9	1.4	171.6	10.1	2.1	1.8
Nondurables	162.2	3.1	.5	.4	163.2	3.6	.4	.4
Services less rent of shelter [4]	221.4	4.5	.5	.3	196.7	4.7	.5	.3
Services less medical care services	208.5	3.2	.6	.3	202.1	3.3	.5	.2
Energy	127.5	14.1	3.4	4.0	126.9	14.6	3.5	4.2
All items less energy	188.0	1.8	.2	.1	186.8	1.7	.1	.1
All items less food and energy	191.8	1.9	.2	.1	186.9	1.9	.1	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.7	-1.4	-.6	-.3	142.3	-1.5	-.6	-.3
Energy commodities	127.5	28.4	5.4	6.4	127.4	28.6	5.7	6.7
Services less energy services	221.9	3.4	.5	.3	217.7	3.5	.5	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=$1.00)	$ .550	-	-	-	$ .563	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=$1.00)	$ .186	-	-	-	$ .189	-	-	-

[1] Not seasonally adjusted.
[2] Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
[3] This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item strata index series correspond to a geometric mean estimator in January 1999.
[4] U-population indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
[illegible] U-population indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
[illegible] Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
- Data not available.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

All items

Area	CPI-U Indexes Nov. 2002	CPI-U Indexes Dec. 2002	CPI-U Indexes Jan. 2003	CPI-U Percent Change to Jan. 2003 Index	CPI-W Indexes Nov. 2002	CPI-W Indexes Dec. 2002	CPI-W Indexes Jan. 2003	CPI-W Percent Change to Jan. 2003 Index
U.S. city average	181.3	180.9	181.7	2.4	177.4	177.0	177.7	2.4
Region and area size[1]								
Northeast, urban	190.1	189.4	190.5	3.1	186.9	186.4	187.2	3.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	191.7	191.4	192.2	3.2	187.3	187.1	187.7	3.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	113.1	112.4	113.1	2.4	112.7	112.7	113.2	2.8
Midwest, urban	179.1	178.5	179.2	2.4	175.4	175.0	175.8	2.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	179.3	177.8	179.2	2.4	174.8	173.4	175.5	2.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	111.7	111.4	112.0	2.3	111.3	111.0	111.7	2.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (Class Chain 50,000)	170.4	169.5	170.7	2.7	168.2	167.2	168.4	2.7
South, urban	179.9	179.4	179.1	2.4	175.4	175.0	175.5	2.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	179.1	178.8	179.7	2.8	175.3	175.1	176.0	3.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	111.9	111.4	111.7	2.3	111.1	110.8	110.9	2.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (Class Chain 50,000)	170.8	170.3	170.2	2.7	170.4	170.4	170.2	2.4
West, urban	185.8	185.5	186.4	2.3	181.8	180.8	182.5	2.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	186.4	186.0	186.2	2.4	182.9	182.4	182.5	2.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	113.1	113.1	113.8	1.7	112.9	112.9	113.2	1.4
Size classes								
A [1]	185.7	185.4	186.1	2.8	184.0	183.7	184.3	2.9
B/C [2]	112.2	111.9	112.3	2.2	111.7	111.4	111.8	2.2
D	174.5	174.0	174.4	2.4	173.2	172.5	173.2	2.4
Selected local areas[3]								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	180.3	180.4	180.7	2.7	176.5	176.0	176.4	2.8
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	184.0	183.7	185.2	3.5	177.0	176.7	177.8	3.7
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	193.4	193.1	194.7	3.3	188.8	188.7	188.7	3.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	188.4	-	189.8	3.6	186.2	-	186.3	3.9
Cleveland-Akron, OH	175.4	-	175.5	1.2	168.5	-	168.3	1.5
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	175.4	-	176.0	2.8	175.6	-	175.3	1.9
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV [4]	184.8	-	184.8	3.3	183.5	-	184.1	3.3
Atlanta, GA	-	177.3	-	-	-	176.8	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	-	176.7	-	-	-	176.6	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	-	180.8	-	-	-	180.8	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	-	177.8	-	-	-	175.3	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	-	180.3	-	-	-	180.8	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	-	189.2	-	-	-	188.8	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	-	186.8	-	-	-	186.8	-	-

1. Regions defined as the four Census regions.
2. Indexes on a December 1986=100 basis.
3. Indexes on a December 1986=100 basis.
4. In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 1A and 1B of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Phoenix-Mesa, AZ; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.
5. Indexes on a December 1996=100 basis.

Dash (-) indicates data not available.

NOTE: Dollar signs (+) in a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

NOTE: Local area indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and, therefore, expects to exhibit a more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater month-to-month changes than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a market basket of goods and services. CPIs are published for two population groups: 1) The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which covers 32 percent of the total population, and 2) the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the Chained CPI for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U), which each cover about 87 percent of the total population. While the CPI-U and CPI-W are considered final when released, the C-CPI-U is issued in preliminary form and is subject to two annual revisions. The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, transportation, medical care, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in 87 locations are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. *Indexes for different months are usually compared in relative terms. Thus, an index of 133.5 is 1.063 times higher than an index of 125.6 (133.5/125.6=1.063); in other words, prices increased 6.3 percent.* The CPI is used as an indicator of inflation, a deflator of other economic series, and an escalator for income payments.

More detail. This news release from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor provides summary data from the Consumer Price Index. The full release is available electronically on the Internet at http://www.bls.gov/cpi/ at release time. If you have any questions about the CPI, please write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Room 3615 PSB, Washington, DC 20212, or call (202) 691-7000. Full detail is available in the monthly periodical *CPI Detailed Report* for $47 per year from New Orders, Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. This information will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202) 691-5200; Federal Relay Service: 1-800-877-8339. For a recorded message of summary CPI data, call (202) 691-5200.

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.3 percent in January, ceding two months. Energy n, increased 4.0 percent in -based energy advanced 6.6 ed 1.5 percent. Meanwhile, d energy decelerated in January. The index for food declined 0.2 percent, following increases of 0.2 percent in each of the preceding two months. The index for all items less food and energy, which increased 0.2 percent in December, rose 0.1 percent in January. A smaller increase in the index for medical care, coupled with declines in the indexes for apparel and public transportation, accounted for the smaller advance in January.

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